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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kristopher BUCHANAN) Group Art Unit: 1651
Serial No.: 10/539,562) Examiner: Allison M. FORD
Filed: June 17, 2005)
For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF**)
SAMPLE PROCESSING AND)
TEMPERATURE CONTROL) Confirmation No.: 2677

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated September 13, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, Claims 1-11, 30, 31 and 37-46 drawn to a method of automated sample processing, comprising active steps of regulating the temperature of a sample, Group II, Claims 12-29, 32-36 and 47, drawn to a method of automated sample processing, comprising active steps of regulating the temperature of reagents to be added/applied to the sample, and Group III, Claims 75 and 90-113, drawn to an automated sample processing system.

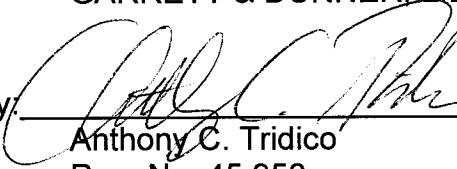
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, Claims 75 and 90-113, drawn to an automated sample processing system.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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